

# TEXAS IN TYPE.

## TEXAS CROPS AND WEATHER.

Eastland county has had good rains and the prospects for a fine cotton crop are as good as one could wish.

According to the Brenham Banner, the farmers and cotton buyers say that more cotton has been gathered and marketed up to date this year than for a corresponding period during any year within the last ten years.

As a consequence of the frequent showers in Cooke county there will be a big cotton crop and plenty of fresh garden vegetables before frost.

A great deal of cotton is being marketed in Sherman, but most of it is in seed. Cotton is good in Parker—in some localities extra fine, others short.

Crops in the vicinity of Whitney, Hill county, are not as good as was expected, owing to the untimely appearance of both rain and dry weather.

In Smith county owing to the extreme dry season cotton is opening rapidly and farmers are making hasty preparations for gathering the fleecy staple. Both corn and cotton are in better condition than was thought two weeks ago.

Cotton is fine and opening fast in Milam county. No cotton worms as yet as we have heard of, and if no happenings occur there will be a fine yield. Our corn is made and plentiful; the potato crop is abundant.

There is plenty of corn made in Shelby county to supply all home demands. The average in cotton this year is larger than last year and the yield per acre will be largely in excess of the last crop.

The rains which have fallen in Grayson county recently were almost too late to help cotton, but they have made good grass and gardens.

The Merkel Mail says: That this section of country is going to make an excellent crop of cotton is without question, as the rains have been enough to keep it growing without getting too much to make it throw off.

The observing cotton planters of Wise county think the fall will be favorable with late frosts, and that an excellent crop of cotton is assured.

Splendid rains have visited Donley county, thoroughly soaking the earth and putting it in fine shape for wheat.

The cotton crop of Liberty county is reported to be larger in acreage this year than it has been for several years. In some localities too much rain is reported, but generally the crop is very promising.

Rains have fallen in every section of Shelby county lately, if reports are correct. Some places had been without rain until the crops were about to suffer, but the showers fell just in time to assure the best crop for many years.

So far as we have been able to learn, says the Corsicana Democrat, the cotton yield will be from one-fourth to one-half bale to the acre. Our information is from farmers.

Reports from Comanche county are to the effect that the cotton crop will equal that of last year on account of the larger acreage.

The cotton crop in Bosque county is very uneven. Some farmers will make more than last year while others will be short.

Jack county's corn crop is not so poor as it was reported a few weeks ago. It will yield from fifteen to twenty bushels to the acre. Jack, like Parker, largely increased her acreage in cotton this year, and will probably market more bales than she did last year.

Various estimates are made as to the cotton yield of Kaufman county this year. The estimates run from one-fourth bale up to one bale to the acre. That on the black lands is much better than that on the sandy soil. The crop is fully 25 percent better than it was last year.

The cotton yield of Burleson county is larger than that of surrounding sections and is good.

Erath county has a large turnip crop sown, and seed rye has been in great demand.

The recent rains in Hays county have done much good outside of the late cotton crop.

The cotton crop in Jack county is much better than was expected a month ago. The late rains have started the plow in every direction in the northwestern part of the state.

Erath county crops are said to be among the best in the state.

The wheat crop of Hall county this year is about 12,000 bushels. It will be far greater than this next year, as the acreage will be much larger.

ABILENE, Aug. 26.—This section was visited by a good rain this morning, the first of any consequence that we have had since May. It will probably do a considerable crop on cotton and assure good pasture for stock, which is a very important item, considering the scarcity of all kinds of feed. Cotton is coming in about twenty-five bales a day, and selling at about nine and one-half cents a pound.

COLORADO, Aug. 27.—The third good rain within the past few weeks fell this morning at an early hour, a regular trash mover this time. Little or no damage, however, was done to railways. Farmers and stockmen are jubilant and all hearts glad. The first bale of cotton is being ginned here to-day.

COLORADO, Aug. 29.—This is fast becoming the rainy season of Texas. We had three good rains during the last two days besides numberless showers, and this afternoon the greatest rain of all fell. For two hours the water descended in a perfect deluge, flooding the streets and forming lakes in every depression. The crop here is better on average than last year, some farmers claiming a bale to the acre, while some others will not make more than one-fourth as much.

TEXAS PROGRESS.

Young county's property rolls stand as follows: Resident roll, \$1,429,748; non-

resident roll, \$791,333: unrendered roll, \$220,810. Total, \$2,442,906; an increase over last year of nearly \$400,000.

The erection of an electric light plant at Winchester is projected.

The west jetty at the mouth of the Brazos is now finished up to within 900 feet of the end of the jetty. Work can be pushed much faster on this west side than on the one first built, as the east jetty protects the barges from the battering force of heavy breakers, so that material can be landed exactly where it is wanted by the workmen, and not transported by hand piece-meal, as was the case when the first jetty was built.

The commission's report of Marion county is let the contract for a pile bridge over Jim's lay-out at near Stratford's ferry. It is to be completed in the next forty days. They have also accepted an iron bridge from the King bridge company, which will be opened for traffic in a few days.

Denison is to have a new bank. The capital stock of this institution is placed at \$250,000 and is reported to be all taken up. It will have quarters in the new Leeper & Bolderick building.

The stone foundation for the new courthouse at Cleburne, Donley county, will be completed this week and the work of laying brick will begin next week.

The election for the organization of Collingsworth county is set for the 30th of September, when the county seat will be determined.

MIDLAND, Aug. 28.—The Midland country is in a better condition in every way than ever before. Houses are in great demand. People are actually unable to find houses and some will be forced to go elsewhere unless more are built at once. Many suppose that this country is quite different from what it was and would be surprised to know that the trade of Midland, a town in the "desert of the prairie," amounts to \$360,000 yearly and that the town runs a national bank which does a business of \$10,000 per day. Yet such is the case.

GATESVILLE, Aug. 29.—The contract for the new jail will have been let and soon we expect the water-works to be in full flow.

PALESTINE is to have another national bank.

In Duval county five years ago not a bale of cotton was raised, while this year four steam gins, which have since been erected, will scarcely be enabled to prepare the yield for market, so great has been the increase of acreage and the satisfactory results obtained.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—The following applications to organize national banks have been filed with the comptroller of currency: Eastland national bank at Eastland, by F. W. James of Baird and associates. The Corpus Christi national bank at Corpus Christi, by Thomas Hickey of Corpus Christi and associates.

GAINEVILLE, Aug. 30.—Plans are on foot for the erection of a \$100,000 opera house, and it is intended to get the building ready for part of the season's performances if possible.

The young ladies' home at White-wright is nearing completion. The building is a handsome structure and will cost about \$8000.

The cornerstone of the new courthouse at Throckmorton was laid August 30 with Masonic honors.

TEXAS MILLS AND FACTORIES.

A new saw mill is about completed at Taylor's Bayou. The first order to start with is some 20,000 feet of fencing for the rice farm of H. de Maudrot, of Taylor's Bayou.

A cotton gin and grist mill is being erected at Bradfordville.

The foundations for a new mill with all modern appliances is being laid by the Wingo Lumber company at Orange. This new firm will be one of the strongest in Texas, as it is composed of two or three strong firms combined.

The Texas mill and elevator company at Corsicana now have their mill running on full time. The mill now has orders to fill for several weeks.

The Farmers' Alliance at Buda are reported to have purchased the Buda mill and ginning association's plant with a capital stock of \$20,000.

The Dublin compress will soon be ready for the new cotton crop.

The new water mill and ginning plant at Henderson will soon be in operation. All the modern conveniences are on hand, and the best machinery has been put in.

The buildings for the new oil mill at Belton are nearly completed and the mill will be in operation in a few weeks. About forty hands will be regularly employed at the mill, which will have a capacity of forty tons of cotton seed per day. The amount of cotton seed will make about 1900 gallons of oil.

The new milling plant at Rockdale, Milam county, is one of the most complete. It has five gin stands, two steam cotton presses, a grist mill, a cotton seed crusher, and the whole is run by a 100-horse power Corliss engine.

TERRELL, Aug. 29.—The Terrell compress and ginning association commenced operations yesterday.

The Erath roller mill whistle rang out upon the town last Thursday for the first time in several months. It has been thoroughly renovated and supplied with the newest and best machinery to serve the public.

The machinery for the oil mill at Caldwell, Burleson county, has arrived, and the mill will soon be in operation.

The new cotton compress at San Antonio has been in operation, though the building is yet incomplete. A quantity of compressed cotton has been sent to mills in the City of Mexico.

A chair factory a few miles east of Brownwood will be in operation in a few days. This is entirely a new plant.

The machinery of the oil mill at Cuero has arrived and the larger part of it is ready for business.

Work is being pushed rapidly on the new lumber mill at Orange, and it will soon be in operation.

The Dickson oil shale company of Houston is making 43,000 pounds of oil per day. The company has placed an order for an additional couple that will melt 112,000 pounds, or over fifty tons of metal in four hours.

The oil mill project of Caldwell, Burleson county, has grown into a reality. The machinery has been ordered and is being rapidly set in place. The mill will be ready for work about October 1, and will cost about \$7000.

A gin and mill is being erected at Say-

der, Scurry county, and will be ready for operation by the middle of this month.

WICHITA FALLS, Sept. 1.—Wichita Falls is paying leading prices for wheat. The Wichita roller mill company bid \$1.30 per bushel for wheat to be delivered in January. The milling companies of this city have been quoted in all the principal towns in the Panhandle.

TYLER, Sept. 1.—Machinery has just arrived for a twenty-five ton ice factory to be put in operation immediately by Messrs. Simon & Brown.

## TEXAS SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES.

The foundation of the Ella Goldthwaite college building at the town of that name will shortly be laid with appropriate ceremonies.

The colored Baptists of Sherman have determined to have a Baptist academy in that city.

The foundation of the three ward school houses at Cleburne have been laid and carpenters will soon begin the erection of the framework. The buildings will not be completed in time for the commencement of the schools.

Steps are being taken for the establishment of a high grade school for girls and young ladies in Denison. Prof. Roberts, one of the best known and most able instructors in the state, is in the city with a view of establishing such a school and is meeting with encouragement from almost the entire city. It is proposed to rent a suitable building in a suitable part of the city and supply it with chairs and tables for the use of the pupils, and when the school commences thoroughly established to build a college building and equip it with modern school furniture.

NACOGDOCHES, Aug. 27.—The college folks are painting up and turning things around generally, preparatory to opening the next session next Monday week.

GRAHAM, Aug. 27.—A citizen's meeting last Friday resulted in a determination to build a schoolhouse to cost \$10,000. Mr. McPhail, president of our board of trustees, told our correspondent that the money would certainly be subscribed.

SALADO, Aug. 28.—Our beautiful college building is nearly ready for occupation by the high school, and we are all looking for the best school here of any of its kind in the state. Dr. S. J. Jones is besieged with letters of inquiry concerning the school.

The brick for the foundations of the school house at Brandon, Hill county, is now on the ground, and the carpenters will go to work as soon as the lumber arrives. It is estimated that it will cost between \$2500 and \$3000.

SAN MARCOS, Aug. 28.—Our little town of 273 inhabitants is on the improve generally. The Corral institute, which is being erected on the site of the one that burned down last spring, is now nearing completion and will be ready for use by the first of September. Our public school building is also about completed and will be ready for use by the 15th of September. The San Marcos business college will be completed and ready for use by the first of October.

The church building recently erected by the colored Baptists at Crockett is a very neat one and creditable to those who had the building in charge.

The Methodist church at Mesquite is nearly completed and is one of the neatest and finest structures of the kind in the town. Rev. F. C. Mayberry, pastor, and Rev. Mr. Hay of the Ford street church, Dallas, began a revival meeting there last night.

Rufus C. Burleson, president of the Waco-Baylor university, begins his forthright session as chief executive on the 8th of September. The prospects of the institution were never brighter. Applications are streaming in from all parts of Texas and neighboring states and students will attend over 800 strong. The fact that Dr. Burleson has held the position so long and made such a conspicuous success seems to be a sufficient guarantee for the school.

The Cumberland Presbyterians are going to build a church at Chillicothe, Hardeman county. The money is being raised and as soon as a sufficient amount has been subscribed work will be begun.

Archer City is to have a new Baptist church. The amount is almost raised and a large and well furnished building will be erected.

The plans and specifications of the new public school building at Honey Grove have been drawn up and the contract let to a resident architect. The building is to be of stone, two stories high, eight rooms and will cost about \$20,000.

LANCASTER, Sept. 1.—Our public school opens next week with Prof. Lacey of Hutchinson in charge.

BRENNHAM, Sept. 1.—The Brenham public school opened yesterday with a full corps of teachers and a fine attendance.

HAMILTON, Sept. 1.—Our nine months' free school begins this morning. The Episcopal church building is under way, which will make four church buildings here.

CORN HILL, Sept. 1.—The Corn Hill high school has procured Prof. J. D. Hudson to take charge of the school on the 8th of September. Prof. Hudson is a young man of noted ability and will no doubt build up an excellent school. The outlook is very promising and Prof. Hudson is making a noble effort to restore tranquility and to make it one of the leading high schools in Texas.

WICHITA FALLS, Sept. 1.—The public schools opened in this city to-day, with an attendance of over 300 pupils. The superintendent, Professor T. L. Gladden, was introduced to the school by Mayor Bacon and, after a short and pointed address, regular organization was effected. Five teachers are employed in the different departments.

The members of the school board are doing all they can to make this the most successful term ever held in this city.

DENTON, Sept. 1.—The Texas normal college management has secured another point by enacting as principal of the Conservatory of Music Mrs. A. C. McKissack of Nashville, Tenn. She comes highly informed and is a vocal and pianist by such eminent men as Bishop Quintard of Tennessee, United States Senator Walcott of Mississippi and Orville Brewer of Chicago. Moreover, she enjoys a very high social station, moving in the best circles of society in Tennessee and Mississippi. Her musical training was received in New York and Boston. Pending the completion of the college building temporary headquarters have been fitted up in the new Dawson block. The desks, chairs, tables and necessary apparatus will be in place ready for opening on the 1st of September, Tuesday, September 1st.

RAILTON, Sept. 1.—Baylor female college will open on Wednesday morning.

The opening address will be delivered by Professor C. P. Fountain. Young ladies are arriving on every train. The prospects are that the attendance will be larger than ever before. The board of trustees are present and will see that ample room will be provided for all who may come.

CARROLLTON, Sept. 1.—The Baptist church at Big Valley has closed a protracted meeting of fifteen days. The church received about thirty members and seventeen were immersed by Elder Foster of Grapevine. Elders Williams, Bramblett, Aloom and Myers assisted the pastor.

ABILENE, Sept. 2.—The graded schools of Abilene opened yesterday in the three school buildings with a full corps of teachers and a total enrollment of 490 pupils, an increase of about 175 over last session which shows the growth of Abilene during the past year. A new school building was erected here last year at the cost of \$10,000 and was thought of the time to be large enough to meet the wants of our city for several years to come, but this session opens with it crowded as well as both of the old school buildings while all pupils under age cannot be accepted at all for want of room.

CLARENDON, Sept. 1.—The Clarendon school opened this morning with over 100 pupils, with Professor W. J. Lackey principal, Miss Etta Sprull in charge of intermediate grades, Miss Beale Christian, primary grades, and Mrs. Carrie Peebles in charge of music and art department.

PILOT POINT, Sept. 2.—The Pilot Point primary school opened this morning, out North Texas for splendid work done, has a fine opening yesterday. The religious exercises were conducted by Rev. W. W. Graham and Rev. W. W. Adcock with music on the piano by Miss Walker and members of her class. The most interesting feature of the programme to the large audience that graced the occasion was their presence, was the address of Prof. H. A. Hays. He discussed the current theories of education in a very lucid manner. The following visitors were present: Miss M. P. Conklin, manager of the teachers' agency of Dallas, Mr. J. T. H. East of Roseland, Mr. G. H. Lair of Van Alstyne, Mr. E. D. Holmes of Collins county, and Mr. R. H. Hendricks of Henrietta, Tex.

GAINEVILLE, Sept. 2.—The public schools opened yesterday. The total enrollment was 1101, being about 100 larger than the number enrolled on any initial day heretofore.

TYLER, Sept. 1.—The Cherokee Baptist Sunday-school convention adjourned yesterday after a day's session in this city. There was a good attendance.

BARLETT, Sept. 2.—The contract was let to-day to Williams Lumber company to erect the M. E. church in Bartlett. It is to cost \$2,200 and will be built on modern style.

Bartlett high school, Prof. J. A. Rouse, principal of the Hillsboro city schools, opens next Monday. A large attendance is promised.

EXXIS, Sept. 1.—Rev. J. H. Colliard is here in the interest of Granbury college. Mr. Colliard is well and favorably known here, having at one time been pastor of the Methodist church, during which time he made many friends, who are glad to see him. He also preached to a good congregation at the Methodist church last night. Elder H. B. Hamilton of Waxahachie closed an interesting two-weeks' meeting at the Christian church in this city on Friday night. Elder Hamilton is a profound thinker, a deep and logical reasoner, and his sermons were edifying. Members of the denominations who attended his services were delighted with his eloquence and depth of reasoning.

LEWISVILLE, Sept. 1.—Messrs. Lena and Birdie Bourland and Miss Mollie Cobb, all of Lewisville, left yesterday in charge of Bro. M. G. Williams for Athens, Ala., to attend the Athens male college for the next ten months. Professor Williams expected to gather up several other young ladies at Jefferson and other points on the road home. Professor S. M. Reynolds of Lamont, Butler county, Ala., assisted by Miss Mary Gardner of Coleman and Miss Sadie Hays of Mexico opened school in Lewisville this morning under very favorable circumstances. Professor Reynolds and his assistants are strangers to the people of Lewisville, but the business men all seem interested; in fact, nearly all the business men turned out this morning to the opening thereby encouraging the new teachers. It is confidently believed by all that this will prove a prosperous year for the Lewisville school under the vigorous management.

TEXAS IMMIGRATION.

Randall county is receiving just now a heavy tide of immigration for this time of the year. The majority are there with the intention of staying and are locating, while others are simply making investments. The country is now so well monopolized by the visitors, and the arrivals at Canyon City indicate that Randall's day has come.

Prospectors continue to come to Greer, and but few of them return without investing in real estate.

Baylor county is being visited by a large number of home seekers, and while many pass up into the Panhandle, those who stay are making investments. The fact that the fall immigration will be heavy.

DURHAM, Aug. 27.—The people are coming many and fast to this county. School sections are being filed on daily, and the surveyors are kept busy locating the home sections. The prospectors' county site of Borden county, was laid off six weeks since. New houses are going up as fast as the material can be hauled from the railroad. We now have a hotel, blacksmith shop, two stores and a school house under way of construction. A newspaper has been started very soon. The first religious services in the new town were held last Sunday.

SALADO, Aug. 28.—Newcomers are to be seen on the streets daily looking for homes. There is not enough mechanics here to supply the demand of the immigrants. All things considered, our town is on a boom.

According to reports from Coryell county there will be a great deal of immigration there this fall.

Prospectors continue to come and go in Taylor county, some merely looking at the country but a great many are investing their dollars in real estate in and around Merkel.

Collingsworth county is just now attracting no little attention from the army of prospectors pouring into the Panhandle. Her large acreage of tillable land will soon be in the hands of intelligent farmers who will put it into cultivation and prove the assertion that this portion of Texas has no superior and few equals.

The period for locating school lands in Donley county is passing away rapidly and the school lands are now in de-

mand by actual settlers, and they are going to have them.

Prospectors have been quite numerous in Chillicothe, Hardeman county, recently, and a great deal of real estate has changed hands.

The Herald has gone on record as saying that there would be a tremendous immigration to this country this fall. The splendid rains that we have had, the great amount of building that we are doing in the city, together with the splendid crops that we have made in the past two years, give us more than a reasonable ground for believing that the people that will come to this fertile country are legion.

A colony of farmers is being formed in Tennessee consisting of twenty families, for the purpose of settling on twenty sections of school land in one body in the northern part of Donley county. Two of them are there now, and put lumber on the ground last week for the erection of dwelling houses. The remainder of the colony will follow within thirty days. This is business, and strong evidence of the way in which immigration will flow in the fall.

SHERMAN, Aug. 29.—One hundred immigrants arrived this morning over the Cotton Belt prospecting.

MCKINNEY, Aug. 29.—Sixty-nine emigrants in one body, all for Collin county, came in on one train this morning.

COLDWATER, Aug. 29.—Prospectors are coming in almost daily and the smooth fiddle lands of Sherman county and the splendid water found here, which is as pure and as delicious as the same medicinal and curative properties as the world-famed waters of Waukegan, Wis., are attracting a great deal of attention. Her broad valleys and rolling prairies will soon be transferred into productive farms.

WHEAT TEXAS is receiving her quota of prospectors and immigrants. Calhoun county is attracting a good deal of attention and immigration is pouring in from all directions.

The Vernon Guard: The inflow of immigration, that has always been a part of the history of this country, especially since the fall of '87, promises to be more extensive the coming fall than ever before. Letters of inquiry from all over the land pour into Vernon daily. Most of these are from people of other states, and they write to get some genuine information of the country, and wind up by expressing their intention of coming to this fall, and making Vernon their objective point. Notice has been received here already of eight different excursion parties, consisting of home-seekers and capitalists from east of the Mississippi river, that will visit Vernon this fall.

Donley county is to be the objective point for a great deal of immigration this fall. Colonies from other counties, and especially from other states, have made arrangements to settle there. The school lands are being taken up very rapidly.

TEXAS MINES AND MINERALS.

COLEMAN, Aug. 28.—A contract was entered into yesterday between Col. R. H. Overall, living six miles southwest of Coleman, and Malone & Gage of Lampasas, Texas, in which the latter get an option of twelve months for 3000 acres of land at \$20 an acre, ranging up to within three miles of Coleman, and upon which they will prospect for coal. The said Messrs. Malone & Gage are practical miners, and have examined the country thoroughly, and are hopeful that they will find a good vein of coal. The surface indications are good in many portions of Coleman county, and we have great hopes that they will be successful. We feel greatly interested in this enterprise, as it will solve two questions for the town of Coleman, the one as to whether there is coal under the town, and the other as to whether or not to arctic water if they have to go very deep.

GARLAND, Aug. 29.—The oil well is creating much excitement and we expect a number of experts and speculators here.

TEXAS NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Fannin county is to hold a fair this fall, at which all its resources will be well presented. The fair association will select from this an exhibit for the Dallas Fair. The same is unique, and Fannin ought to have a daisy exhibit at Dallas.

October 7-11 inclusive will see a big fair at Alvord, Wise county. This is to be a first class affair and everything from fine stock to fine art will be on exhibition and it is fully expected that fine clothes will be there in abundance with the best people of the country and the town.

FONNEY, Sept. 1.—Col. M. M. Brooks, a highly-respected citizen of our community, is quite low, and fears are entertained for his recovery.

ALTAR AND TOMB.

MARRIAGES.

Mr. Willie Stodager and Miss Helen McGee, Dallas, August 26.

Mr. R. E. Hardin and Miss Alice Fuller, Dallas, August 26.

Mr. Morgan Johnson and Miss Lizzie Thompson, Dallas, August 26.

Mr. C. J. Brown and Miss Fannie L. Taylor, Dallas, August 26.

Mr. John Hardy and Miss Ellen Smith, Dallas, August 26.

Mr. S. E. Kirkpatrick and Miss L. E. Mullins, Sherman, August 26.

Mr. C. M. Winters and Miss Catherine Bieyer, Denison, August 26.

Mr. Walter Hastings and Miss Sadie Graham, Paris, August 24.

Mr. Shippe and Miss Shrank, Cleburne, August 23.

Mr. T. H. Emerson and Mrs. Ella Crotty, Tyler, August 23.

Mr. G. W. Lamb and Miss Adie McClure, Clarksville, August 26.

Mr. S. A. Mason and Miss Emma Ellis, Clarksville, August 27.

Mr. T. M. Wood and Miss Belle Cowers, Clarksville, August 28.

Mr. W. A. Elmore and Miss Dora Franklin, Fannin county, August 20.

Mr. Edward Darley and Miss Nellie Maloney, Sherman, August 27.

Mr. F. J. Boyle and Mrs. Annie White, Sherman, August 26.

Mr. D. M. Ellis and Miss L. E. McDonald, Waxahachie, August 24.

Mr. J. W. Ewing and Miss A. V. Ellis, Waxahachie, August 24.

Mr. R. C. Hill and Miss A. C. Duke, Waxahachie, August 24.

Mr. J. C. Pratt and Miss Mollie Moyers, Waxahachie, August 25.